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DATA COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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COLLECTION CHANGES: Data for 1990 have been added to this collection, and SAS data definition statements (Parts 51-100) are now available for Parts 1-50.

NOTE: Most of the information in this collection is available ONLY in typed and photocopied form. The exception is data from 1968 to 1990. ICPSR has converted all statewide referenda returns from 1968-1990 into machine-readable form. Included in this portion of the collection are the county vote breakdowns for approximately 4,241 referenda voted upon in primary and general elections throughout the United States. A typed hardcopy codebook accompanies each state file. The primary election data are NOT available in machine-readable form. It is possible to supply, on a cost basis, limited portions of the referenda and primary election returns in the form of photocopies.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 50 data files + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: CONCHK.ICPSR/ UNDOCCHK.ICPSR/ MDATA.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

Parts 1-50: Referenda Elections
for States .

File Structure: rectangular
Cases: 3 to 254 per part
Variables: 13 to 1,251 per part
Record Length: 85 to 7,919
per part
Records Per Case: 1

Parts 51-100: SAS Data
Definition Statements
Record Length: 80

NOTES ON TENNESSEE REFERENDA FILE

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Hamilton County contains missing data for variables 14-15 (a 1970 Constitutional Amendment). The official returns indicated that this questions was "NOT ON BALLOT" for Hamilton County.

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

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ICPSR State Code 54
County or State Name
Identification Number
Unique numeric identification number assigned to each county or independent city within a state. The identification number for state-level records is 0000. This identification number, when used in conjunction with the ISPSR state code, uniquely identifies each unit of analysis in the data file.

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Referendum

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 260,270; No = 301,798

Question 1. Shall a convention be held to alter, reform or abolish the following parts and subject matter of the present Constitution of Tennessee, the convention to be limited to consideration of and action upon the parts and subject matter included

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Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Referendum

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 234,613; No = 302,220

Question 2. Shall a convention be held to alter, reform or abolish the following parts and subject matter of the present Constitution of Tennessee, the convention to be limited to consideration of and action upon the parts and subject matter included

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Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

Vote No (Against)

Question 1. (continued) - in this act and whose actions with respect thereto become effective only after each amendment proposed by the convention is separately submitted to and ratified by a vote of the people:

Article I, Section 14; all of Article V; all of Article VI; and Article VII, Section 5 (all of which relate to the Judiciary and the impeachment of Judicial officers).

Question 2. (continued) - in this act and whose actions with respect thereto become effective only after each amendment proposed by the convention is separately submitted to and ratified by a vote of the people:

Article VI, Section 15; Article VII, Section 1, Section 2, and Section 5; Article X, Section 4 and Section 5; Article XI, Section 9, and Section 17 (all of which relate to local government).

Source: Certificate of Election Returns for the General Election, November 5, 1968, State of Tennessee

State Tennessee

REFERENDUM

Var. #

Description

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Referendum

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 422,812; No = 301,863

Question 3. Shall a convention be called to alter
and reform Article II, Section 28 of the Consti-
tution so as to require the classification of
property into three classes for purposes of tax-
ation, to wit: Real Property, Intangible Property,

8 Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

9 Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Referendum

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 211,925; No = 276,104

Question 4. Shall a convention be held to alter,
reform or abolish the following parts and subject
matter of the present Constitution of Tennessee,
the convention to be limited to consideration of
and action upon the parts and subject matter

10 Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

11 Vote No (Against)

Question 3. (continued) - Tangible Personal Property,

Provided that said Convention shall classify Real Property only into four (4) subclassifications, to wit:

(a) Public Utility Property, to be assessed at not less than 45 per cent or more than 55 per cent of its value, the exact percentage to be fixed by the convention;

(b) Industrial and Commercial Property, to be assessed at not less than 35 per cent or more than 45 per cent of its value, the exact percentage to be fixed by the convention;

(c) Residential Property, to be assessed at not less than 25 per cent or more than 35 per cent of its value, the exact percentage to be fixed by the convention; and

(d) Farm Property, to be assessed at not less than 20 per cent or more than 25 per cent of its value, the exact percentage to be fixed by the convention.

Exemption of Tangible Personal Property. Said Convention shall further provide and establish an exemption, which shall cover a taxpayer's personal household goods and furnishings, wearing apparel and other such tangible property, the total of which exemption shall not be less than \$5,000 or more than \$7,500, as shall be determined by the Convention.

Exemption of Intangible Personal Property. The Convention shall further provide that money deposited in an individual's personal or family checking or savings account shall be exempt from taxes, in an amount to be determined by the convention.

No exemptions other than those specified herein shall be authorized by the Convention in the case of either tangible personal property or intangible personal property.

The ratio of assessment to value of property in each class or sub-class, as shall be established by the convention, shall be equal and uniform throughout the State, and each respective taxing authority shall apply the same tax rate to all property within its jurisdiction.

Said Constitutional Convention, if called, shall not be authorized to amend the Constitution so as to permit a personal income tax, except as already authorized under the present Constitution; and the said Convention, if called, may consider the further provision of Article II, Section 28, but no action taken shall be in conflict with the provisions hereof.

Question 4. (continued) - included in this act and whose actions with respect thereto to become effective only after each amendment proposed by the convention is separately submitted to and ratified by a vote of the people.

Article I, Section 28 (the militia); Article II, Section 8 (legislative session - governor's inauguration); and Section 30 (limitation on taxation of article manufactured of produce of the state other than inspection fee); Article III, Section 2 (election of governor), Section 4 (governor's term of service), and Section 5 (governor as commander-in-chief calling out militia); and all of Article VIII (militia).

Source: Certificate of Election Returns for the General Election, November 5, 1968, State of Tennessee

State Tennessee

REFERENDUM

Var. #

Description

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Referendum

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 236,214; No = 290,922

Question 5. Shall a convention be held to alter
or reform Article IV, Section 1 of the present
Constitution, so as to permit persons of the age
of eighteen years or over to vote, the action of
which convention to become effective only after

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Vote Yes (For) (see next page)

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Vote No (Against)

Referendum

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Question 5. (continued) - being submitted to and ratified by a vote of the people.

Source: Certificate of Election Returns for the General Election, November 5, 1968, State of Tennessee

State Tennessee

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 283,210; No = 229,349Referendum.

(To change the Constitution in order that the sheriffs of this State could be elected for a period of four years rather than for the two years now required by our Constitution. Referendum failed because it did not receive majority of votes in Gubernatorial election, as required by the Constitution).

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State Tennessee

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentPrimary Election, August 3, 1972Yes = 493,076; No = 175,287Amendment No. 1:

A Constitutional Amendment which revises the tax
laws of the State of Tennessee providing for
different assessments for commercial property,
utilities, and individual property.

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Vote Yes (For)

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Vote No (Against)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State TENNESSEE

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election November 2, 1982Yes = 696,978 No = 112,451

Shall Article II, Section 28, paragraph four of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the existing language and adopting the following: The Legislature shall provide, in such manner as it deems appropriate, tax relief to elderly low-income taxpayers through payments by the State to reimburse all or part of the taxes paid by such persons on owner-occupied residential property, but such reimbursement shall not be an obligation imposed, directly or indirectly, upon Counties, Cities, or Towns.

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)